

Thus, *Eriophyllum caespitosum* Dougl. becomes a synonym of *Eriophyllum lanatum* (Pursh) Forbes. As to the plant of the California coast, the first name unmistakably attributed to it was *Bahia arachnoidea* F. & L., described from the products of seeds collected at Fort Ross. Greene (9) altered this to *Eriophyllum arachnoideum*, and Jepson (10) modified it to *Eriophyllum lanatum* var. *arachnoideum*, with which the opinion of the writer is in full accord.

- (1) Lindl. Bot. Reg. 14: 1167. 1828.
- (2) Index Petrop. 9: 63. 1842.
- (3) Bot. Voy. Sulph. 30. 1844.
- (4) N. Am. Fl. 34: 90. 1915.
- (5) Fl. Am. Sept. 560. 1814.
- (6) Hort. Woburn 183. 1833.
- (7) Bot. Cal. 1: 381. 1876.
- (8) Am. Acad. Proc. 19: 26. 1883.
- (9) Man. Bot. Reg. S. F. Bay 207. 1894.
- (10) Man. Fl. Pl. Cal. 1119. 1925.

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OPEN LETTERS

The Knob-cone Pine

While on a recent hike through the foothills west of Yosemite National Park I noted a possible extension of the range of the knob-cone pine. All information available to me here indicates that the north side of the Merced River is its southernmost limit in the Sierra Nevada. Hence an observation on the opposite side of the river, five miles south of previous records, seemed noteworthy. The knob-cone pine occurs there in Section 34, T3S, R19E, at an elevation of 3800 to 4000 feet, this being the highest point in Section 34. The occurrence consists of a dense stand of young trees 10 to 20 feet high, covering about three acres, and growing on an eastern exposure. There are also scattering trees extending over perhaps 40 acres of the adjacent southern exposure.—CLIFFORD PRESNALL, Yosemite, Nov. 10, 1932.

Juglans Hindsii

On page 120 of Jepson's "Flora of Western Middle California", 2d edition, the California black walnut, *Juglans californica*, var. *Hindsii* Jepson, is described as growing on Walnut Creek, on the lower Sacramento River, and also in the Napa Range.

My cousin, Mr. L. D. Anderson, who lived in Pacheco, Contra Costa County, for nearly 75 years, tells me that there are several very large California black walnut trees growing on the Harry Keller ranch, formerly the Clayton ranch, at the town of Clayton, Contra Costa County. One of these trees is larger than any of the trees growing along Walnut Creek and the nuts, he says, are twice as large as those on the latter trees. Mr. Anderson tells me that Mr. Ed. Smith, pioneer walnut grower in the Ignacio Valley, always gets the nuts of this large tree to grow the "foundation" trees upon which he grafts "English" walnuts.—EDWARD P. E. TROY, San Francisco, Dec. 28, 1931.